

## **2021 Town Warrant**

### **Town of Webster, New Hampshire**

#### **THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Webster in the County of Merrimack in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Webster on Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. **(BY BALLOT)**

**You are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Business Meeting will be held as follows:**

**Date: April 17, 2021 with a rain date of May 8, 2021**

**Time: 1:00 p.m.**

**Location: The school playground at the rear of Webster Elementary School**

The meeting will be outside with social distancing observed due to concerns regarding Covid-19.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,624,830** for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

#### **The Select Board Recommends 3 to 0**

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$447,000** to be added to the following established Capital Reserve Funds under RSA 35:1. (Majority vote required)

Medical Equipment	6,000
Fire Department Air Packs	20,000
Emergency Apparatus	50,000
Fire Department-Mobil Communications	10,000
Police Cruiser	19,000
Highways and Roads	200,000
Bridge/Culvert Improvements	75,000

Public Safety Building	5,000
Town Hall Improvements	5,000
Town Office Equipment	5,000
Webster/Hopkinton Transfer Station	4,000
Fire Department Dry Hydrant Repairs	2,000
Reappraisal	5,000
Fire Department Bunker Gear	2,500
Highway Equipment	7,500
Police Equipment	6,000
Highway Land/Building Fund	25,000

**The Selectboard recommends 3 to 0**

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$138,000** to be added to the following established Expendable Trust Funds per RSA 31:10-a. (Majority Vote Required)

Road Preservation	100,000
Technology Fund	10,000
Forest Fire	2,000
Fire Department Equipment	5,000
Highway	5,000
Legal (Webster)	6,000
Compensated Absences	2,500
Municipal Property Maintenance	2,500
Police Vehicle Maintenance	5,000

**The Selectboard recommends 3 to 0.**

5. To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year under the provisions of RSA 31:98-a for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,234** to put into the fund. This sum is to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount will be raised by taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. This is an Individual Warrant Article (Majority vote required)

**The Selectboard recommends 3 to 0.**

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to help offset the cost of the bond for “Funds to Repair Dam” passed at the Pillsbury Lake Water District Meeting held August 5, 2006. (Majority vote required)

**The Selectboard recommends 3 to 0.**

**7. NEW HAMPSHIRE RESOLUTION FOR FAIR NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING**

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Webster to see if the town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering.

Additionally, these voters ask the town of Webster to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to Webster's state legislators, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

*Article received by Petition*

**8. To Transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.**